

Chapter 2: The Art of Innovation

True/False

1. The frameworks in which a sustainable, high-profit company is constructed are called business models.
Ans: True Page: 26
2. Unfortunately, North America has one of the lowest percentages of people with Internet access.
Ans: False Page: 27
3. Geographical location no longer provides any significant advantage for access to major sources of capital.
Ans: True Page: 29
4. A product life cycle is the time that a product is able to command a high profit margin in the market before it becomes obsolete or develops intense competition.
Ans: True Page: 29
5. Product development times have increased from 200 days three years ago to an average of 225 days now.
Ans: False Page: 29
6. Fortunately, it is becoming easier for a company to build around a single product idea without strong patent protection.
Ans: False Page: 30
7. The first step for any entrepreneur is to generate an idea for a new business.
Ans: True Page: 39
8. Asking the right questions and preparing the business plan are components of phase 3 in the five phases to success.
Ans: True Page: 41
9. To eliminate receiving questionable data, you should train and monitor survey recorders and telephone interviews to ensure consistent results.
Ans: True Page: 44
10. The final phase of the five step model of success is "Develop the Plan."
Ans: False Page: 46

Short Answer / Fill in the Blank

11. Successful _____ is the use of new technological knowledge, and/or new market knowledge, employed within a business model that can deliver a new product and/or service to customers who will purchase at a price that will provide profits.
Ans: innovation Page: 31
12. The _____ is often used to illustrate the difference in which the performance achieved by new innovation is plotted against time.
Ans: S-curve Page: 32
13. Usually, improvements can be made with _____ innovations, pushing the original curve higher.
Ans: incremental Page: 32
14. The term _____ is often used to describe innovations that disrupt the status quo.
Ans: disruptive innovation Page: 33
15. _____ are sources of ideas.
Ans: Patents Page: 39
16. Many new companies are built around a radical or _____ technology.
Ans: breakthrough Page: 40
17. A window of opportunity is a _____ during which opportunities exist before something else happens to eliminate them.
Ans: time horizon Page: 42
18. _____ are the value of benefits lost when one decision or idea alternative is selected over another.
Ans: Opportunity costs Page: 42
19. A(n) _____ charts the current and future components of the business in about thirty to forty pages.
Ans: business plan Page: 45
20. Sufficient _____ is required to sustain the company for a specific length of time, possibly a one- or two-year period.
Ans: capital Page: 46

Multiple Choice

21. More than _____ new web pages are being added daily to the Internet.
- 18 million
 - 500,000
 - 50 million
 - 7 million

Ans: D

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22. _____ funds are a very small part of total growth capital.
- Technology
 - Trade
 - Venture capital
 - International

Ans: C

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23. A product life cycle is continually:
- increasing
 - declining
 - increasing in a step ladder pattern
 - fluctuating

Ans: B

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24. Incremental innovation means that:
- A start-up company grows slowly.
 - Improvements are made on existing products and services.
 - Innovation is only applied to the way that things are made.
 - It is the safest strategy for a start-up to follow.

Ans: B

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25. Radical innovation means that:
- Nothing from the past is retained.
 - It applies only to products.
 - It changes the rules of competition.
 - It is too risky for a start-up to follow.

Ans: C

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26. Which of the following is not on the list of some important innovations by U.S. small firms in the last century:
- GPA
 - Airplane
 - Zipper
 - Heat sensor

Ans: A

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27. All of the following are ways to build upon already existing material and still provide a profit-driven concept except:

- a. Market the product at a higher price.
- b. Add value to an existing product or service.
- c. Develop or redesign a new version of an existing product.
- d. Develop ideas as an extension or redesign an existing service.

Ans: A

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28. There are more than _____ patents issued in the United States.

- a. 31 million
- b. 17 million
- c. 8 million
- d. 60 million

Ans: C

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29. Only about _____ percent of existing patents have actually been commercialized.

- a. 20
- b. 10
- c. 2
- d. 32

Ans: B

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30. Of the five phases of success, which one is where the opportunity would be seized:

- a. Phase 1
- b. Phase 2
- c. Phase 3
- d. Phase 4

Ans: A

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31. Which of the following is not a technology factor:

- a. Industry standards
- b. Niche market applications
- c. Infrastructure replacement
- d. Technology generation

Ans: D

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32. Which of the following is not an economic factor?

- a. Better service
- b. Productivity gains
- c. Market changes
- d. Government and privacy issues

Ans: C

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33. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 2?
- Develop the Plan
 - Manage the Business
 - Determine the Resources Needed
 - Investigate the Need through Market Research

Ans: D

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34. Of the five phases of success, Phase 3 is:
- Develop the Plan
 - Manage the Business
 - Determine the Resources Needed
 - Investigate the Need through Market Research

Ans: A

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35. Which of the following area of research help answer the question: "Can the product/service be patented or copyrighted?"
- Sales
 - Proprietary
 - Niche/competition
 - Cost and manufacture

Ans: B

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36. To eliminate receiving questionable data, all of these pitfalls must be avoided except:
- Train and monitor survey recorders.
 - Make certain that the answers are accurate by maintaining an objective method of questioning.
 - Ensure that all of the participants are asked the same questions.
 - Eliminate telephone interviews.

Ans: D

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37. All of the following are cost-cutting recommendations except:
- Use search engines and web pages
 - Use social media methods to access potential customers
 - Test only one product at a time
 - Use the telephone instead of mail survey

Ans: C

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38. _____ is(are) the backbone of the business.
- Employees
 - Business plan
 - Phases of Success
 - Data Base

Ans: B

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39. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 4?

- a. Determine the Resources Needed
- b. Develop the Plan
- c. Investigate the Need through Market Research
- d. Seize the Opportunity

Ans: A

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40. Of the five phases of success, which one is Phase 5?
- a. Seize the Opportunity
 - b. Develop the Plan
 - c. Investigate the Need through Market Research
 - d. Manage the Business

Ans: D

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41. Which of the following criteria is least important when evaluating an opportunity?
- a. Size of the market
 - b. Competitors
 - c. Value provided to the targeted customers
 - d. Having the resources in place to execute on the plan

Ans: D

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42. Which of the following criteria would most lead you to question the viability of an opportunity?
- a. Gross margin on sales after three years is 25%.
 - b. Total available domestic market is \$80MM.
 - c. The market is growing at 60% per annum.
 - d. You only have two customers willing to buy your product currently.

Ans: A

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43. The evaluation screening for patent protection includes all of the following except:
- a. If the fee for a patent search and application affordable?
 - b. Is the service, product, or idea unique to get a head start on the competition?
 - c. Is the field changing so slowly that the innovation will be valuable for at least 5 years?
 - d. Has an attorney discussed the options and recommended that a patent be pursued?

Ans: C

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